

September 19, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District was held on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Water District office, 1016 St. Mary Street, Thibodaux, LA

Present were: Hugh Caffery, Chairman                      Gene Harrell, Vice-Chairman  
Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer                      Chris Domangue  
Dale Dennis    Barry Soudelier  
Ray Mayet    Francis Richard  
Lance Authement    Scott LeBlanc

Absent were: Jake Giardina

Also present were: Ryan Perque; Josh Bordelon; Robert Mire;  
Capt. Jake Stahl; Ernie Blanchard; Henry & Hattie Templet;  
Shane Guin, High Tide Consultants; Justin Lane, Sealevel Construction;  
Pernell Pellegrin, Martin and Pellegrin CPA;  
Barry Marionneaux, Atty.; Ben Malbrough, Executive Director;  
Heather Armstrong, Admin. Assistant

Vice-Chairman Gene Harrell began the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Mr. Harrell stated that public comments can be made at any time in the meeting prior to action on any agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken.

Moved by Commissioner Ray Mayet, seconded by Commissioner Dale Dennis to approve the minutes of August 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to approve the accounts payable report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Commissioner Barry Soudelier, seconded by Commissioner Francis Richard to approve the finance report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Harrell asked for public comment and there were none.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the pump station is operating all 4 pumps.

Mr. Malbrough reported that the Bayou operations are normal.

Mr. Pernell Pellegrin, CPA, presented the 2021 Audit to the Board. He stated that the BLFWD received a clean report and has fulfilled the audit obligation for another year.

Mr. Malbrough stated agenda item 11.b on the Hancock Whitney Resolution, will be tabled until a later date.

Chairman Hugh Caffery arrived at 5:20pm and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Pump Capacity Improvements Project (PCIP).

Mr. Malbrough introduced Mr. Justin Lane with Sealevel Construction and he discussed the construction schedule for the PCIP.

Mr. Malbrough discussed the Sound Study as required in the MOA with USACE. He presented a proposal for the study from Bowlby & Associates, Inc. and asked the Board for authorization to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with Bowlby & Associates, Inc. not to exceed \$35,000.00.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Greg Nolan to authorize Mr. Malbrough to negotiate and execute a professional services contract with Bowlby & Associates, Inc. not to exceed \$35,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Malbrough reported the updates to the Phase 3 Permitting.

Mr. Shane Guin with High Tide Consultants gave an update on the Melodia Boat Launch Project.

Mr. Ryan Perque gave an update on the Friends of Bayou Lafourche as follows:

- New kayak kiosk at the Nicholls bayouside project
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Boat Parade was a great success!
- Napoleonville Project- progressing
- Raceland Visitor Center project – almost complete

Chairman Caffery asked for any public comments.

Capt. Jake Stahl inquired about the FOBL projects and pump station design and a discussion was had.

Moved by Commissioner Francis Richard, seconded by Commissioner Ray Mayet to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Hugh Caffery, Chairman

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Greg Nolan, Secretary/Treasurer